

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By Chairman Scott Mendenhall, on February 19, 2007 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Scott Mendenhall, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jim Keane, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Mike Milburn, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Shannon Augare (D)
Rep. Scott Boggio (R)
Rep. Ernie Dutton (R)
Rep. Kevin T. Furey (D)
Rep. Ralph Heinert (R)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Harry Klock (R)
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)
Rep. Bill Thomas (D)
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Bart Campbell, Legislative Branch
Nancy Kraft, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 605, 2/14/2007; HB 724,
2/16/2007; HB 725, 2/16/2007;
HB 741, 2/16/2007
Executive Action: None

HEARING ON HB 741

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:02:56 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 741, Nondiscrimination in payment for equivalent health services.

EXHIBIT (buh37a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:12:46 Mark Staples, Montana Chiropractic Association (MCA)

EXHIBIT (buh37a02)

00:21:52 Dr. Scott Hansing, MCA, Helena, Montana

00:26:34 Rep. Boggio, House District 59

EXHIBIT (buh37a03)

00:27:07 Dr. George Toyne, President, MCA

00:28:43 Greg Pisk, MCA

00:29:53 Ron Benner, Montana Optometric Association (MOA)

EXHIBIT (buh37a04)

00:35:23 Dr. Scott Matz, MCA, Missoula, Montana

00:35:44 Dr. Gary Pfaff, MCA, Laurel, Montana

00:35:57 Dr. Gary Vernon, MCA, Helena, Montana

00:36:12 Dr. Bob Larson, MCA, Billings, Montana

00:36:24 Dr. Bill Hasquet, MOA, Helena, Montana

00:36:38 Dr. Kathleen Fellows, Billings, Montana

00:36:52 Dr. Dale Williams, MCA, Billings, Montana

00:37:01 Dr. Colette Kuka, MCA, Great Falls, Montana

00:37:11 Dr. Loyd Rye, MCA, Missoula, Montana

00:37:17 Dr. Greg Gardner, MCA, Billings, Montana

00:37:27 Dr. Jason Silliker, Missoula, Montana

00:37:42 Dr. Richard Murack, MCA

Opponents' Testimony:

00:38:07 Tonya Ask, Blue Cross/Blue Shield

00:45:11 James W. Crichton, Montana Medical Association

00:47:37 Angela Huschka, New West Health Services

00:48:32 Frank Cote, America's Health Insurance Plans

00:51:04 Don Allen, Association of Insurance and Financial
Advisors

00:52:13 Jon Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce

Informational Testimony:

00:52:56 Jacqueline Lenmark, American Insurance Association

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:56:55 Rep. Furey
00:57:48 Mr. Staples
01:00:52 Rep. Furey
01:01:32 Ms. Ask
01:05:11 Rep. Keane
01:05:32 Mr. Staples
01:05:41 Rep. Reinhart
01:05:55 Ms. Lenmark
01:07:17 Rep. Reinhart
01:07:21 Rep. Jones
01:07:51 Rep. Arntzen
01:08:09 Mr. Staples
01:11:16 Rep. Heinert
01:11:49 Dr. Crichton
01:12:32 Rep. Dutton
01:13:14 Mr. Cote
01:17:27 Rep. Mendenhall
01:18:10 Mr. Cote
01:20:09 Rep. Mendenhall
01:20:39 Ms. Ask
01:22:40 Rep. Reinhart
01:22:52 Mr. Staples

Closing by Sponsor:

01:26:15 Rep. Jones

HEARING ON HB 605

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:34:03 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 605, Revise board of medical examiner laws.

[EXHIBIT \(buh37a05\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:36:47 Kim Powell, Montana Nurses' Association (MNA)

[EXHIBIT \(buh37a06\)](#)

01:43:49 Dr. Robert Caldwell, MNA

[EXHIBIT \(buh37a07\)](#)

01:47:47 Sandy Jankowski, AARP

[EXHIBIT \(buh37a08\)](#)

01:50:20 Leonard Bates, Respiratory Therapist

01:52:53 Vickie Byrd, Registered Oncology Nurse, MNA

[EXHIBIT \(buh37a09\)](#)

01:56:00 Arlene Parisot, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education

[EXHIBIT\(buh37a10\)](#)

01:57:34 Raylynn Christiaens, MNA

[EXHIBIT\(buh37a11\)](#)

01:57:48 Kathy McGowan, Montana Nurses' Association

[EXHIBIT\(buh37a12\)](#)

01:58:27 Sharon Howard, Registered Nurse

[EXHIBIT\(buh37a13\)](#)

01:58:43 Eve Franklin, House District 24

[EXHIBIT\(buh37a14\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:59:54 Pat Melby, Montana Medical Association

02:12:18 Dr. Arthur Fink, Montana Board of Medical Examiners

[EXHIBIT\(buh37a15\)](#)

02:20:09 Sheila Morin, Montana Society of Medical Assistants

[EXHIBIT\(buh37a16\)](#)

02:20:44 Patricia Bollinger, Board of Medical Examiners

02:21:01 Diane Sather, Montana Medical Assistant

02:21:09 Jani McCall, Billings Clinic

02:21:19 Gloria Hermanson, Montana Academy of Opthamology & Montana Society of Ear, Nose & Throat Surgeons

Informational Testimony:

02:21:53 Barbara Swehla, Montana Board of Nursing

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:22:49 Rep. Furey

02:23:00 Rep. Franklin

02:26:00 Rep. Reinhart

02:26:35 Rep. Franklin

Closing by Sponsor:

02:27:16 Rep. Keane

HEARING ON HB 725

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:29:56 Rep. Ken Peterson (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 725, Revise human rights commission procedure.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

02:32:51 Rep. Walt McNutt, House District 37
02:34:46 Margaret Morgan
02:35:51 Jon Bennion, Montana Chamber of Commerce
02:36:41 Rep. Franke Wilmer, House District 64
[EXHIBIT\(buh37a17\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

02:38:42 Jerry Keck, Department of Labor and Industry

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

02:41:13 Rep. Peterson

HEARING ON HB 724

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:43:58 Rep. Kevin Furey (D), HD 91, opened the hearing on HB 724, Service contract warranties.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:45:21 Rep. Deborah Kottel, House District 20
02:47:59 Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Association
02:49:17 Jacqueline Lenmark, Service Contract Industry Council
and American Insurance Association
02:50:26 Larry Kibbee, Montana Property Casualty Association
02:50:51 Bruce Spencer, Montana Automobile Dealers' Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:51:42 Rep. Arntzen
02:51:52 Rep. Kottell

Closing by Sponsor:

02:52:49 Rep. Furey

Discussion on Upcoming Business

02:54:39 Rep. Mendenhall

02:54:42 Rep. Keane

Additional Exhibits:

Documents received on HB 605, Hearing 02/19/07

[EXHIBIT\(buh37a18\)](#)

Documents received on HB 741; Hearing 02/19/07

[EXHIBIT\(buh37a19\)](#)

ADJOURNMENT

02:55:30 Adjournment: 12:00 P.M.

REP. SCOTT MENDENHALL, Chairman

NANCY KRAFT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([buh37aad.pdf](#))